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SUBJ: COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM--BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER

REF: STATE 170158

1. WE ARE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT STATE AND COMMERCE
HAVE APPROVED FY 1975 COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM FOR
THE PHILIPPINES. WE NOW WISH TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION
OF ACTION PROGRAM UNDER APPROVED CCP, SPECIFICALLY
SECTION IV-E ON ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES
CENTER.

2. BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER IS PART OF EMBASSY'S
INTEGRATION OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL FUNCTIONS AND
IS BASED ON RECOGNIZED NEED TO BETTER SERVICE INTERESTS
OF STEADILY INCREASING NUMBER OF U.S. AND FILIPINO
VISITORS. IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH CENTER, WE WILL HAVE TO
REVAMP MAJOR PORTION OF CHANCERY SO AS TO PROVIDE SPACE
FOR CENTER, RELOCATION OF COMMERCIAL LIBRARY, AND
REGROUPING OF ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL PERSONNEL IN ONE
CONTIGUOUS AREA. WE PLAN TO PLACE CENTER AND
COMMERCIAL LIBRARY IN 1,602 SQUARE FEET AREA ADJACENT
TO EMBASSY BALLROOM WHICH WILL ENABLE USE OF COMBINED
SPACE FOR LARGER EXHIBITS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS. THIS
PLAN INVOLVES MOVING HISTORICAL AND POST REFERENCE
LIBRARIES AND MOST OF BUDGET AND FISCAL SECTION. FIRST
TWO MOVES (LIBRARIES) ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED FOLLOWING
DISCUSSION LAST JUNE BY TELEPHONE BETWEEN KRAUSE AND
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3. PLAN DOES NOT ENTAIL STRUCTURAL CHANGES OF TYPE
REQUIRING FBO APPROVAL.

4. WE HAVE ARRIVED AT TENTATIVE ESTIMATE OF \$18,261 TO
COVER ALL COSTS INVOLVED IN RELOCATION, REBUILDING AND
REFURBISHING THE ENTIRE CONTIGUOUS AREA PIVOTING AROUND
BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER. BREAKDOWN OF ESTIMATES IS
AS FOLLOWS:

CONSTRUCTION

OFFICES	\$ 4,836
RELOCATION	\$ 1,419
BUSINESS CENTER AND	
COMMERCIAL LIBRARY	3,960
CARPETING	3,806
1AL PHONE SYSTEM	1,800
FURNITURE (CENTER ONLY)	2,440

TOTAL	\$18,261

5. ESTIMATES FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS WERE MADE IN HOUSE
AND HENCE MAY REQUIRE SUBSEQUENT REVISION AFTER OBTAINING
CONTRACTOR BIDS. WE ARE POUCHING SCHEMATIC DRAWING OF
BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER TO COMMERCE. TO PROCEED FURTHER,
E.G. SAYS DESIGNS, WE NEED COMMERCE DECISION ON AVAILABILITY OF
FUNDS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE THEREFORE REQUEST COMMERCE
APPROVAL AND FUNDING WITH A VIEW TO IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION
THIS PROJECT.

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